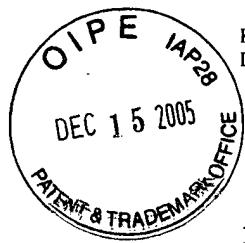


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Dear Sir/Madam:

Amendment and Response

This response and amendment to the claims are being submitted in reply to the office action mailed on September 20, 2005. The amended claims start at page 2 of this document, and the response begins at page 8. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such allowance be granted.

Respectfully submitted

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